(*a*) whether they received any complaint praying for the transfer of the Section Officer at Nagercoil, namely, Mr. R. Padmanabha Aiyar;

(*b*) whether the transfer of that Section Officer was recommended by the Division Officer; if so, the action taken in the matter; and

(*c*) how long he has been there in his native place as Section Officer?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) The correspondence between departmental officers about their subordinates is confidential and cannot be disclosed.

(*c*) He has been at his present station, Nagercoil, from the 24th Edavam 1098. It is reported that Nagercoil is not his native place.

Arrangements during Mr. Natesa Aiyar's leave in Kanni 1101.

84. **MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it is a fact that orders were issued from the Chief Engineer's office over the Chief Engineer's signature, but without date, during the period of his leave in Kanni last;

(*b*) if so, whether such orders were passed by him during the period of his leave; and why the dates were not put in;

(*c*) why the immediate senior officer was not put in charge of the department in his leave vacancy instead of the Personal Assistant; and

(*d*) whether the Personal Assistant issued orders of transfer of the subordinates during the Chief Engineer's absence on leave?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

(*c*) In the interests of work, it was thought undesirable to disturb the existing arrangements, as the period of leave first applied for was short.

(*d*) Yes, where exigencies of service required it.

Appointment of Sub-Registrars.

85. **MR. A. J. JOHN** (*Vaikam*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table:

(1) (*a*) a statement showing the number of Sub-Registrars appointed from each community by the present Director of Registration; and

(*b*) a statement, by castes, of the number of Sub-Registrars appointed by the present Director from the department?

(2) Will the Government be pleased to state the number of applications from qualified Roman Catholics, including Syrians and Latinites, and the number appointed from among them?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) (*a*) A statement* containing the information is laid on the table.

(*b*) All the Sub-Registrars were appointed from the Department.

* *Vide* Appendix V—page 229.

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(2) 10 applications were received from Roman Catholics including Syrians. None of them was appointed as Sub-Registrar, as Sub-Registrars are recruited only from persons who have passed the Registration Test, Higher Grade, and who have put in some service in the department. Four of them have, however, been entertained in service, 3 as clerks and one as probationary Sub-Registrar.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): May I know the number of Catholics among the Sub-Registrars?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That information is not here.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): My question runs as follows:

"Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table:
(1) (*a*) a statement showing the number of Sub-Registrars appointed from each community by the present Director of Registration..., ..."

May I know whether any answer has been given to that part of my question?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The statement has been placed on the table.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): May I know why the number of Catholics has not been given separately?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That information has not been received.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): Am I to understand that the Director of Registration has not understood my question?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That information will be called for.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): Am I to understand that there is no direct recruitment to the Registration Department?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Direct recruitment to the department is allowed, but there is no direct recruitment of Sub-Registrars.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): Is there any rule or order to that effect?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That is explained in the answer. A man has to pass certain tests before he is appointed as Sub-Registrar.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): May I know the date of the circular which prescribed these tests?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have not got the information now.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): May I know whether any Catholic who has passed these tests applied for the Sub-Registrar's post?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Government have no information.

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Appendix V.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 85.**

Statement showing the number of Sub-Registrars appointed by the present Director.

	Permanent.	Temporary	Acting.
Nairs	4	1	...
Brahmins	2	2	...
Christians	3	1	2
Ezhavas	...	1	...
Mahomedans	...	...	...
Other Caste Hindus	2	...	...
Vellala	1	...	...

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